IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

MARTIN, et al.

Serial No.: 08/896,805

Filed: July 18, 1997

For: KINK RESISTANT STENT-GRAFT

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: T. Nguyen

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## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 1998 as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

(Amended) A stent-graft comprising: 1.

a stent member having an inner surface and an outer surface;

1999 SLIVILE (00000004 134500 neoabhang bular graft member; and

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a ribbon [covering only a portion of] adhered in contact with at least one of the inner and outer surfaces of said stent member and forming multiple strips spaced from one another; the <u>ribbon</u> securing the stent member and graft member to one another.

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